

**CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, August 6, 2012**  
**The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C**

**The following members were present:**

Ira Berkowitz	Michelle Harris
Mimi Deem	Darryl Higuchi
Marguerite Garrick	Eric Schneider
Laurel Harrington	

**Excused/Absent:**

Brad Bernstein  
Andrea Maddox-Dallas  
Mark Stapleton  
Melanie Tamsky

*Also Present:*

Patty DeForrest  
Eric Gruenenfelder  
Liz Hickox  
Tim Hohenstein

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the July meeting were tabled because amendments need to be made. The revised minutes will be reviewed at the September meeting

**Addresses from the Audience:** There were no addresses from the audience.

**Shaw Park Ice Rink Annual Report:** Ms. Liz Hickox and Mr. Tim Hohenstein presented the 2011-2012 Shaw Park Ice Rink Annual Report. (See attached PowerPoint for specific details.) Ice Rink improvements included relocation of the fire pit, removal of the wall around the rink which was replaced with landscaping and installation of new flooring in the party room. The Shaw Park Ice Rink report also included the following information: increased usage during public skate and an increase in rental attendees, season highlights, revenue and expenditure comparisons, facility usage summary, season pass sales, facility closures and an admissions summary. Ms. Hickox stated that a buy one/get one free Post-Dispatch Daily Deal was offered and over 651 were sold, which increased daily admission revenue. Special events included: Skate with Frosty, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, a curling demonstration, a mock rescue and the Mid-States Hockey Tournament.

2012-2013 improvements include: replacement of lace skates, new flooring for the upstairs locker room and new tables and chairs in the warming hut. 2012-2013 events: Skate with Frosty, Centennial Celebration, Family Fun Skate and a New Year's Eve event which ends at 11:00 pm. It was recommended to celebrate midnight at the rink by showing the New York celebration on a big screen outside the rink. Public skate hours will vary slightly next season. A new freestyle session will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm. Also, as in the past, the rink will be open from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm when school is not in session.

A Saturday rental space was opened up this past year and almost all of the spots were reserved. The ice rink is open to the Clayton School District during the day. It was noted that Wydown Middle School will be without a gym and a field most of the school year, therefore it is important for the Parks and Recreation Department to offer assistance whenever possible.

Mr. Berkowitz commended Mr. Hohenstein and Ms. Hickox on their presentation. He stated that their graphics were excellent and he said having set public session hours really helped.

Ms. DeForrest said that they continue to have operational expenses associated with keeping the existing equipment in working order. This past year, over \$45,000 was spent on emergency repairs.

*Jacobs* report will be distributed with the next packet. They are recommending tearing down the rink and rebuilding it, with the primary usage of the new facility being an ice rink and the secondary usage as a sports practice field as well as a concert and event venue. The next step is development of a

concept design which could cost up to \$75,000. The City does not have money in the capital budget to pay for a design; therefore fundraising has to take place to get the funds for the design and to build a new ice rink. Ms. DeForrest stated that it would take six months for a conceptual design after a firm is selected, two years for Clayton Century Foundation to raise the money; the best case scenario is to have a conceptual design by next summer. Further, she recommends that the original Ice Rink Task Force reconvene in the future to assist with the planning stages of the project.

**Director's Report:**

**-Project Updates:** At this time, the Tennis Center is still scheduled to open on Labor Day, and a re-opening celebration will take place on Labor Day weekend.

The Dog Park project is moving forward with fundraising being the primary focus at this time. \$22,000 has been raised through CCF and \$75,000 is the goal. Ms. DeForrest said it would be nice to name the park something other than Haddington Court Dog Park. She also stated that residents living near the dog park have indicated that they do not want a cut through to the park. One hundred sixty families have signed up to be on a Clayton Dog Park supporters list. The dog park supporters do not plan on doing a direct mailer. Ms. Jill Fisher applied for grants through Petco and Nestle Purina.

The Shaw Park Recreational Trail is still on hold as the City is waiting for approval from MSD. The project will go out to bid as soon as official approval is given by MSD.

Art for the garden has not been selected. Moneta made a donation for the garden at the north end of Shaw Park. Pieces of art for that area may be obtained through Laumeier Sculpture Park because they have duplicates of a few art pieces that would like nice in the garden.

Ms. DeForrest and Ms. Renard met with Christner and a few changes will be made to the designs for the Shaw Park Pavilion. The aldermen have not seen the preliminary designs. New renderings will be available next week. Ms. DeForrest will submit to the BOA for their feedback.

The front and back porch at the Hanley House will be replaced in the fall. This will make the downstairs and summer kitchen accessible. At the same time, foundation work and tuckpointing will be done. Replacement or repair of the windows is the next project slated to take place.

The City is looking into replacement of the Oak Knoll playground. They will be applying for a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Commission. The playground will be inclusive and fenced in. The new group at the Child Center will pay half of the cost, the City will pay five percent and a grant will cover the remainder.

**Old Business / New Business:** The only honeysuckle in Ladue that will be cleared from the Centennial Greenway is what is in the way; the City of Clayton will tear out any that is along our section of the trail. The MSD project at Oak Knoll Park will be presented to the Commission sometime in the future. The Garden Café will close Labor Day weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

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